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AMENDMENT UNDER RULE 116

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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed December 23, 2005, and having a period for response set to expire on March 23, 2006.

The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted. Reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested.